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TRINITY INSTITUTE SET FOR FEBRUARY

NEW YORK -- The Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr., pastor of Riverside Church in New York, will be the opening preacher at the 12th national conference of the Trinity Institute for bishops and other clergy of the Episcopal Church.

The conference opens in New York at Trinity Church, the sponsor of the Institute, on Monday, Feb. 2. It moves west on Feb. 5 with the opening Eucharist beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco.

In addition to preaching, the Rev. Mr. Coffin will deliver one of the three lectures.

Other addresses will be given by the Rev. Henri J. M. Nouwen, a Roman Catholic priest, who will also give the final meditation during the closing Eucharist.

Another lecture will be delivered by the Rev. James W. Jones, an Episcopal priest who is head of the department of religion of Rutgers College.

The theme of the 1981 conference is "The Experience of God." According to the Rev. Durstan R. McDonald, director of the Institute, "When the church does not witness to the reality of God in Jesus Christ, people turn elsewhere. Religious cults, Eastern religions and the secular movements are not passing phenomena. They are signs of yearning for a personal experience of God's presence in the world."

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